

**ENTERED**

May 22, 2025

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
GALVESTON DIVISIONARTYEMARIE F.,<sup>1</sup>

Plaintiff.

V.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL  
SECURITY,

Defendant.

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3:24-cv-95

**ORDER ADOPTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S  
MEMORANDUM AND RECOMMENDATION**

On June 4, 2024, this case was referred to United States Magistrate Judge Andrew M. Edison under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Dkt. 7. Judge Edison filed a memorandum and recommendation, on December 20, 2024, recommending that the Commissioner's decision be reversed and the matter remanded to the Commissioner for further proceedings. Dkt. 14. I adopted that Memorandum and Recommendation, issued a Final Judgment, and remanded this case on January 7, 2025. Dkts. 15, 16. On April 8, 2025, Plaintiff filed a motion for attorney's fees. Dkt. 19. On May 6, 2025, Judge Edison filed a Memorandum and Recommendation recommending that Plaintiff's motion for attorney's fees be granted. Dkt. 24.

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<sup>1</sup> On May 1, 2023, the Committee on Court Administration and Case Management of the Judicial Conference of the United States issued a memorandum recommending that courts adopt a local practice of using only the first name and last initial of any non-government party in Social Security opinions.

On May 9, 2025, the Commissioner filed its objections to the memorandum and recommendation. *See* Dkt. 25. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C), this court is required to “make a de novo determination of those portions of the [magistrate judge’s] report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection [has been] made.” After conducting this de novo review, the court may “accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge.” *Id.*; *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b)(3).

The court has carefully considered the objections; the memorandum and recommendation; the pleadings; and the record. The court accepts Judge Edison’s memorandum and recommendation and adopts it as the opinion of the court. It is therefore ordered that:

- (1) Judge Edison’s memorandum and recommendation (Dkt. 24) is approved and adopted in its entirety as the holding of the court; and
- (2) Plaintiff’s Motion for Attorney Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act (Dkt. 19) is granted; and
- (3) The Commissioner is ordered to pay the sum of \$15,033.55 in attorney’s fees and \$405.00 in costs to Plaintiff’s counsel, Tower Law Group.

SIGNED on Galveston Island this 22nd day of May 2025.

  
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JEFFREY VINCENT BROWN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE